Commission. 'Irrigation' being a state subject, decision on water rates can be taken only in consultation with the State Governments and the Administrations of the Union Territories.

The World Bank generally favours recovery of service cost as has been recommended by the Committee. However, there is no formal communication in this regard.

Irrigation Facilities in Bihar

221. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Irrigation facilities are minimal in Bihar in comparison to other States ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government have taken the case of Bihar before the World Bank for assistance for irrigation projects in the State :

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and the results achieved ; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons and what action Government propose to take to increase irrigation facilities in Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) Statewise status of irrigation potential created at the end of 1992-93 is given in the Statement-I attached, (*See below*).

(c) to (e) Details of irrigation projects of Bihar assisted through World Bank are given in the Statement-II attached, (*See* below).

Statement-I

Statewise status of Irrigation Potential Created at the end of 1992-93

(In '000 hectares)

Sl. No.	States/Union Territories	Potential created			
		Major and Medium	Minor	Total	% of All India Total
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	3039.00	2936.83	5975.83	7.15
2	Arunachal Pradesh	—	69.59	69.59	0.08
3	Assam	179.00	590.58	769.58	0.92
4	Bihar	2796.00	5085.90	7881.90	9.44
5	Goa	13.00	19.06	32.06	0.03
6	Gujarat	1281.00	1934.30	3215.30	3.85
7	Haryana	2058.00	1534.67	3592.67	4.30
8	Himachal Pradesh	8.00	144.61	152.62	0.18
9	Jammu & Kashmir	174.00	367.62	541.62	0.64
10	Karnataka	1434.00	1480.48	2914.48	3.49
11	Kerala	504.00	536.42	1040.42	1.24
12	Madhya Pradesh	2025.00	2634.42	4659.42	5.58
13	Maharashtra	2071.00	2493.40	4564.40	5.46
14	Manipur	62.00	51.48	113.48	0.13
15	Meghalay	—	45.08	45.08	0.05
16	Mizoram	—	11.06	11.06	0.01
17	Nagaland	—	65.80	65.80	0.07
18	Orissa	1449.00	1264.83	2713.83	3.25
19	Punjab	2386.00	3318.82	5704.82	6.83
20	Rajasthan	2064.00	2437.71	4501.71	5.39
21	Sikkim	—	22.58	22.58	0.02
22	Tamil Nadu	1550.00	2129.76	3679.76	4.40
23	Tripura	3.00	91.88	94.88	0.11
24	Uttar Pradesh	6876.00	19912.00	26788.00	32.08
25	West Bengal	1370.00	2872.37	4242.37	5.08
26	Total Union Territories	15.00	82.23	97.23	0.11
	ALL INDIA TOTAL	31357.00	52133.48	83490.48	100.00

Statement-II

Details of Irrigation projects of Bihar assisted through World Bank

(a) MAJOR PROJECTS

(i) Subernarekha Multi-purpose Project Phase-I.

The Subernarekha Multi-purpose project, Bihar obtained World Bank assistance to the tune of US Dollers 127 million. Credit was fully disbursed and the last disbursement was made on 18-8-1989.

(ii) Subernarekha Multi-purpose project Phase-II.

Government of Bihar is in the process of identifying another phase of Subernarekha Multi-prupose project. Tantatively the World Bank had indicated that the project could be consid ered during 1994, provided that the Bihar Government takes adequate steps for Rehabilitation and resettlement of the oustees to be affected by the irrigation project.

The Government of Bihar has prepared a detailed action plan for rehabilitation and re-settle ment of land oustees of the first 16 core villages to be extended to 52 priority villages in second phase and ultimately to all 112 affected villages on last and third phase. Funds to the tune of Rs. 35.68 crores were asked by the Government of Bihar in February, 1992 by way of Central Assitance to implement the first phase of their Action Plan. Planning Commission suggested to meet the requirements of funds for implementation of rehabilitation and resettle-ment Action Plan through inter-sectoral adjustments.

Feasibility studies are also underway to assist the environmental impact of the project. M/s Water and Power Consultancy Services (India) Limited (WAPCOS) in association with M/s GERSAR, France have completed the studies to the extent of 50%. The funds have been made available by the World Bank under the National Water Management Project to pay the consultant.

(iii) Sone Canal Modernisation

The updated estimate of Phase-I costing Rs. 235.93 crores (1991 prices) has been finali-sed in Central Water Commission and discussed in the 56th Technical Advisory Committee meeting held on 10-11-1993. The committee found the project acceptable and recommended for investment clearance subject to arranging concurrence of State Finance Department on the modified estimate by Govermnent of Bihar.

The Water and Power Consultanacy Services (India) Limited has prepared a feasibility report for consideration of World. The World Bank has accorded second priority to this project after Subernarekha Multi-purpose project of Bihar.

(b) NATIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Bihar is one of the participating States under World Bank assisted National Water Manage-ment Project. Two schemes namely —

(i) Hathua Branch Canal Project of Gandak Command Area, and

(ii) Dumrao Branch Canal Project of Sone Command Area are in operation in Bihar under this project with a total culturable command area of 1.67 lakh hectares at an estimated cost of Rs. 41.41 crores.

(c) MINOR IRRIGATION

(i) Bihar Tubewells Project.

An agreement with the World Bank was signed for this project on 13-1-1987 with credit closing date as 31-5-1994 for an assistance of SDR 59.5 million (U.S. $ 60 million equivalent). This project is in operation. Owing to slow progress of the project implementation, 40 million SDR was cancelled at the time of port-folio rationalisation in December, 1991. The balance of Credit after cancellation has gone up to U.S. $ 26.63 million due to variation in Rupee-Dollar parity. The cumulative utilisation uptil 31-8-93 is U.S. $ 18.544 million.